

**REMARKS**

Applicants are amending the claims of the above-identified National Stage application, filed under 35 USC 371 of International (PCT) Application No. PCT/JP2005/000473, in order to amend the claims consistent with the Amendment Under Article 11 in this aforementioned International application. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 2 into claim 1; and to recite that the supplying step (c) is performed after step (b), and in this supplying step a first portion of the first diluted raw material gas is supplied into the inside of a reaction chamber in which a wafer to be processed is accommodated.

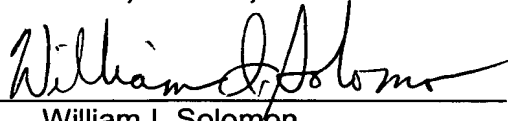
In light of incorporation of subject matter of claim 2 into claim 1, claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Entry of the present amendments, prior to calculation of the filing fee; and, subsequent thereto, examination of the above-identified application on the merits in due course, are respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper be charged to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (case 1374.46346X00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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